

Old blood sciences sample reports

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Dear clinicians and healthcare professionals,

There has unfortunately been a decline in the quality of Blood Sciences being received into the laboratory.

The timings for the couriers are still the same and are delivered to the laboratory in the same manner, but every sample that is too old will require a re-bleed.

Phlebotomy appointments are taking longer due to the cleaning down of waiting areas and phlebotomy chairs and the changing of PPE (the need to wash hands after every patient interaction makes it increasingly difficult to put new gloves on).

As a result, many patients will require samples to be collected from them once again.

May we kindly request that all locations which provide phlebotomy are asked to ensure that samples are ready for the earliest collection (this includes our community colleagues) and that samples are correctly labelled. All areas that have access to ICE should be used.

Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully

Blood Sciences Department